

### Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-14 (Cancelled)

Claim 15 (Currently amended): A food blender, comprising:

a base;

an electric motor in the base;

a knife driven by the motor;

a jar having a substantially symmetrical body ~~and having opposite first and second~~ with upper and lower ends, the ~~first~~ lower end being adapted to mount onto the base, and the upper end having a pour spout;

the body having a curved profile which curves outwardly and then inwardly from the lower end toward the upper end an interior cross-sectional area that enlarges from a first value to a second maximum value and then decreases to a third value progressing between the ~~first lower and second upper ends~~ so as to enhance blending action in the jar; a plurality of ribs extending inwardly in the body to enhance blending; and

the body including a handle.

Claims 16-27 (Cancelled)

Claim 28 (New): The food blender of claim 15 wherein the knife resides only adjacent the lower end of the jar such that the jar is free of internal rotating structure in the maximum cross sectional area.